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ASPECTS OF SECRETARY VANCE'S MOSCOW VISIT

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1. AT BONN GROUP MEETING APRIL 6, US REP DREW ON
REFTELS (A) AND (B) AND REPORTED ON HESS DEMARCHE
AND BERLIN ASPECTS OF SECRETARY VANCE'S MOSCOW
VISIT. HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF LATTER REPORT
WAS EMPHASIZED AS REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT.

2. BOTH UK REP (EYERS) AND FRG REP (LUECKING)
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION THAT SECRETARY HAD RAISED
HESS MATTER IN MOSCOW. EYERS NOTED THAT WOLF RUEDIGER
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HESS HAD MET PARLIAMENTARY MINISTER OF STATE JUDD
IN LONDON (REF C) (WHICH MEETING ALSO HAS BEEN
REPORTED IN THE GERMAN PRESS). BOTH FRENCH REP
(BOISSIEU) AND EYERS EXPECT THAT FOLLOW UP DEMARCHES
WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IN LONDON AND PARIS RESPECTIVELY,
NOT IN MOSCOW (POSSIBLY AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL).

3. LUECKING ASKED WHETHER THE GERMANS COULD STATE PUBLICLY THAT THE SECRETARY HAD RAISED THE QUESTION OF HESS IN MOSCOW AND NOTED THE EXISTENCE OF GERMAN PARLIAMENTARY PRESSURE SIMILAR TO THAT IN LONDON. THE US REP SAID THAT HE WOULD INQUIRE OF THE DEPARTMENT WHETHER THIS COULD BE DONE AND URGED THAT, PENDING AUTHORIZATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT, NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS BE MADE. HE SUGGESTED THAT EVEN IF SUCH AUTHORIZATION IS OBTAINED, IT MIGHT BE BEST TO WAIT TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS UNTIL THE FRENCH AND BRITISH HAD MADE FOLLOW-UP REPRESENTATIONS. US REP MENTIONED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD AUTHORIZED EMBASSY LONDON TO SPEAK ONLY IN GENERAL TERMS OF ALLIED APPROACHES TO THE SOVIETS (REF D). LUECKING ASSURED US THE GERMANS WOULD RESPECT REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY.

4. SINCE GERMANS AND PROBABLY BRITISH WOULD LIKE TO STATE PUBLICLY THAT SECRETARY HAS RAISED HESS MATTER IN MOSCOW, WE WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT INSTRUCTIONS WHETHER THIS MAY BE DONE.
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